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DRAFT REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS ON ITS IN-SESSIONAL MEETING HELD DURING THE THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, 4-29 MAY 1992

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Addendum

CHAPTER VIII. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

DRAFT DECISION

Programme approach

SUMBITTED BY
BANGLADESH, CHINA, COLOMBIA, GERMANY, INDIA, SWITZERLAND, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Recalling its decisions 90/21 of 22 June 1990 and 91/27 of 21 June 1991, in which the Governing Council recognized the need for the United Nations Development Programme assistance to be designed in such a way as to provide more flexible and effective support to national development programmes and ensure their sustainability,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator (DP/1992/46), which provides a conceptual framework for the programme approach;

2. Stresses that the programme approach should be applied on a country-specific basis and that the use of a variety of operational tools and programme-support mechanisms should be explored and encouraged in implementing that approach;

3. Further stresses that while experimenting with the various tools and mechanisms, the United Nations Development Programme should continue to ensure the smooth implementation of country programmes;

4. Requests the United Nations Development Programme, in consultation with United Nations specialized agencies and Governments, to develop guidelines to:

(a) Assist relevant national organizations in the assessment and enhancement of technical and managerial capacities at the programme level and in the formulation and implementation of cross-sectoral, sectoral and subsectoral development programmes;

(b) Assist in the transfer of skills necessary for the development of self-sustained national institutions with a capacity to deal with multisectoral linkages;

5. Stresses the need to develop baseline data and success indicators for the monitoring and evaluation of projects/programmes assisted by the United Nations Development Programme in line with the requirements of the programme approach;

6. Also stresses the need to involve the United Nations specialized agencies at the early stages of the design of the United Nations Development Programme assistance and support to national development programmes;

7. Also requests the Administrator (a) to hold informal consultations at the United Nations Development Programme headquarters on the draft guidelines during the second half of 1992 and (b) to submit a progress report to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993).

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